

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Ellen Kohn-Perry, *Priest-in-Charge*



**Day of Pentecost
Whitsunday
May 19, 2024
8 & 10 a.m.**

Prelude: Komm, Gott Schopfer, Heiliger Geist

Dieterich Buxtehude

Please stand as able.

Processional Hymn: 225 Hail thee festival day

Salve festa dies

Acclamation:

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Baptismal Acclamation

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Collect for Purity:

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: S278 Gloria in Excelsis

William Mathias

Spoken at 8 a.m.; sung by all at 10 a.m.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day:

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the

coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

The children proceed to Sunday School.

Psalm 104:25-35, 37 *Benedic, anima*

William Henry Longhurst

Read responsively by whole verse at 8 a.m.; chanted by Choir at 10 a.m.

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, * creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you *to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; *you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; *I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very

Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able.

Sequence Hymn: 513 Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

The Gospel (read in multiple languages)

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

John Pivarnik, *Danish*; Ester Pivarnik, *Estonian*; Andi Campbell, *German*;
Charlie Foster, *Latin*

Please be seated.

Please stand as able.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP p. 292

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm the renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: I do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

CW:TS p. 497, adapted

Reader: Let us pray for God to fill us with the Spirit.

Generous God, we thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit. We ask that we and those who lead among us may be strengthened to serve you better, remembering especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Carlye our Bishop.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the wisdom of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to grant us insight to understand your will. Bless with discernment and moderation those who bear the authority of government.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the peace of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to keep us confident of your love wherever you call us. Encourage and protect all those working today for the good of their communities and the health of the world.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to bring reconciliation and wholeness wherever there is division, sickness, and sorrow. We pray for all those around the world affected by war, violence, and oppression, and for those who have commended themselves to our prayers, especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Casey, Alex, Famu, Pete & Lisa, Eleanor, Len, Marilyn, Devon, Vivian, Barbara B., Fred, Bob, Ann-Mary, Sandy, Dawn Corrine, Stella, Brandon, Gloria & Hugo, Reid, Esther, Suzanne, Barbara, Debbie and Ed, Henry, Greg, Rosanne, Brian, Cora, Gloria, Michael, and John.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the comfort of your Holy Spirit. We pray for all who have died, especially Victoria Ashbrook, mother of Albie Ashbrook and Phil Ankel, and grandmother of Tori, Adam and Royce in whose loving memory the flowers on our altar today are given, that they may rest with you in eternal light and love.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to equip us for the work which you have given us. Commit this parish afresh to its core values of faith, inclusiveness, compassion, social justice, and outreach.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the fruit of your Holy Spirit. We ask you to reveal the love of Jesus through us in our lives.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Reader: We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit, given us by the risen Lord. We ask you to keep the whole Church, living and departed, in the joy of eternal life.

People: Lord, bless us and fill us with your Spirit.

Silence

Celebrant: Generous and loving God, you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan, and upon the disciples where you found them. Fill us with your Spirit; hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem: O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

Christopher Tye

Doxology: 380 (vs. 3) Praise God from whom all blessings flow

The Celebration of Holy Communion

*We believe that Jesus is fully present in the Sacrament.
All are welcome at God's table.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

Please stand as able

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is said.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S128 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

William Mathias

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your

will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

Prayer Book, page 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: S 161 Lamb of God

David Hurd

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*The Ushers will guide the people to the altar for Communion.
Please let the Ushers know if you prefer to receive at your seat.*

Communion Anthem: If ye love me

Thomas Tallis

Post Communion Prayer (*spoken in unison*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Spirit, who hovered over the waters at the dawn of creation; who overshadowed Mary when the eternal Son came among us; who set the Church on fire on the first Pentecost make you joyful in service and bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 531 O Spirit of the living God

Melcombe

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude: Veni Creator Spiritus

Paul Manz

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Victoria Ashbrook, mother of Albie Ashbrook and Phil Ankel, and grandmother of Tori, Adam and Royce.

Thank you for joining us for our service today!

If this is your first time visiting St. Paul's, please fill out one of the cards in your pew and place it in the collection plate.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the Day of Pentecost

The term means “the fiftieth day.” It is used in both the OT and the NT. In the OT it refers to a feast of seven weeks known as the Feast of Weeks. It was apparently an agricultural event that focused on the harvesting of first fruits. Josephus referred to Pentecost as the fiftieth day after the first day of Passover. The term is used in the NT to refer to the coming of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), shortly after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Christians came to understand the meaning of Pentecost in terms of the gift of the Spirit. The Pentecost event was the fulfillment of a promise which Jesus gave concerning the return of the Holy Spirit. The speaking in tongues, which was a major effect of having received the Spirit, is interpreted by some to symbolize the church's worldwide preaching. In the Christian tradition, Pentecost is now the seventh Sunday after Easter. It emphasizes that the church is understood as the body of Christ which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. Some understand Pentecost to be the origin and sending out of the church into the world. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15). The Day of Pentecost is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is “especially appropriate” for baptism (p. 312). The liturgical color for the feast is red. Pentecost has also been known as Whitsun or Whitsunday, a corruption of “White Sunday.” This term reflects the custom by which those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost would wear their white baptismal garments to church on the Day of Pentecost.



Family Promise Speaker at Coffee Hour TODAY!

Amanda Sears, Family Promise's Motel Shelter Case Manager, will speak about the program. St. Paul's has long been supporting Family Promise and most recently, thanks to many parishioners, we were able to supply food and necessary groceries to a newly housed family with a baby in March. Come listen and learn more about Family Promise!

**RACIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY
PILGRIMAGE SAT, JUN 8**

Join Bishop Hughes for
a day-long walking tour
through the racial
history of Madison, NJ.

Breakfast & lunch included.

Cost: \$20.

Find out more and
register online:
dioceseofnewark.org/pilgrimage-2024

*Coordinated by the diocesan
Racial Justice & Healing Commission,
in conjunction with Drew University's
Center on Religion, Culture & Conflict.*



Save the Date!

Classical Guitar Concert
with Joao Kouyoumdjian
Friday, June 14th
7:00 p.m.

Parish Picnic!

Sunday, June 9th, following the 10 a.m. service

Join in on the fun and wish Rev. Ellen a fond
farewell as she begins her Sabbatical.

Sign-ups to bring a dish or beverage to share to
follow



